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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SP MO AG MR

SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA

1. DURING CONVERSATION AUG 23, THE AMB ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO WHAT IMPORTANT PROBLEMS FOR SPAIN HE THOUGHT WOULD BE BROUGHT UP AT UNGA, SUCH AS SPANISH SAHARA. LOPEZ RODO DID NOT ANSWER DIRECTLY BUT SAID SPAIN'S POSITION HAD BEEN CORRECT AND HAD WIDE UN SUPPORT: SPAIN SUPPORTS SELF-DETERMINATION OF SAHARAN PEOPLE. SPAIN HAS ALSO MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROVING THE WELL BEING OF SAHARANS, SPENDING SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY IN INFRASTRUCTURE, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ETC., FOR BENEFIT OF SHARANS, WITH NO THOUGHT OF EXPLOITATION. IT IS ESTABLISHED BY LAW THAT ALL INCOME FROM EXPLOITATION OF SAHARAN RESOURCES, INCLUDING PHOSPHATES, WILL BE SPENT IN SAHARA FOR BENEFIT OF SAHARAN PEOPLE AND NOT ACCRUE TO SPAIN. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN SAHARA, HE SAID, BUT SPAIN IS COMMITTED TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAHARANS.

2. THERE SEEMS NO REASON FOR SPAIN TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT AT
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UNGA AND THE MINISTER DID NOT INDICATE ANY CONCERN THAT IT MIGHT

BE BROUGHT UP BY ONE OR MORE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES.
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